Rodent Control	Network Unit Jodhpur (RAU)
Agricultural Ornithology	Kota

Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) provides need based support to the State Agricultural Universities under Development and Catch up Grant for infrastructure development, purchase of farm and lab. equipments, renovation of buildings, construction of girls hostels, modernisation and for strengthening faculty competence.

During current plan, the Rajasthan Agricultural University, Bikaner and the Maharana Pratap University of Agricultural Research and Technology, Udaipur were provided Rs 473.91 and 224.54 lakhs and Rs 220.59 and 210 lakh, respectively under Development and Catch up Grants.

Foot and mouth disease in A.P.

2077. DR.Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has sought an asssistance of Rs. 158 crore to eradicate foot and mouth disease of cattle; and

(b) if so, the amount released so far and by when the remaining amount would be given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh submitted a proposal for Rs. 155.00 crores for implement-ing-the scheme, "Creation of Disease Free Zones" with emphasis of control-ling Foot and Mouth Disease.

(b) Since the Central Sector Scheme, Creation of Disease Free Zones was not approved for implementation during Ninth Plan, no funds could be released under this scheme. The State Govemment of Andhra Pradesh has been informed accordingly.

Livestock Development Agency Project in A.P.

2078. DR.Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centrally sponsored Andhra Pradesh Livestock Develop-ment Agency Project is in doldrums, with the Centre cutting the assured funds;